

INSIDE THIS WEEK:



Car crashes
into pub's
beer garden



Police forensic
expert awarded
MBE honour



Abbie Morris and Ryan King before and after joining the slimming group

Couple get in good shape to tie the knot

ABBIE Morris and Ryan King were looking forward to tying the knot in April 2020, when lockdown put their plans on hold.

As lockdown dragged on both their weights increased, and Abbie found that she no longer fitted in her dress.

Ryan's mum Debbie had previously lost weight with Slimming World and so when the all clear for groups occurred she was quick to join the Skelmersdale group.

Abbie is astonished at the results and the change in her body shape: "I've even been to choose a new wedding dress, which I love and I can't quite believe how much my shape has changed."

"We are both so much fitter than we were before we joined and can't wait for our wedding which has been rescheduled for this April."

Their slimming consultant Liz said: "I'm delighted for Abbie and Ryan that they've reached their target weights and I can't wait to see the wedding photographs with bride, groom and mum of the groom looking exceptionally glamorous."

LEISURE COMPLEX PLAN FOR CONCOURSE ALL SET FOR GO-AHEAD

Plans include 4D cinema and virtual reality zone, amusements arcade, bowling alley, mini golf course and cocktail bar

Report by **Henry James**

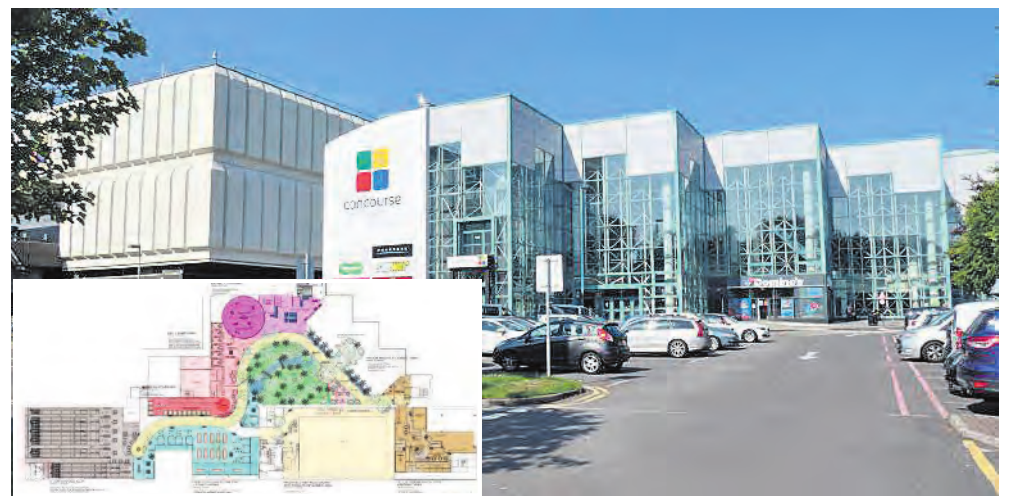
PLANS to create a 12-lane bowling alley, indoor jungle-themed mini-golf course, amusement arcade with dodgems, inflatable obstacle course, digital entertainment area and food area on the second floor of Skelmersdale's Concourse shopping centre have been passed by the borough council.

The council approved the application from Moor-gate Development Ltd which also includes a bar, a cocktail bar with performance stage, electronic darts, American diner and pop-up food and drink stalls on December 23.

The amusements arcade and dodgems would mirror the Namco Funscape at the Trafford Centre, which is a hugely popular attraction.

Proposals show the digital area will include a VR (virtual reality) Room and 4D cinema.

The applicant has said they have made arrangements with respective suppliers for the delivery of



The Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale is to get a leisure complex, (plans inset.)

the proposed entertainment facilities, which include AMF Bowling and Airparx (inflatable obstacle course).

The various attractions will be arranged around a main thoroughfare, a 'central street.'

The complex is to operate seven days a week from 10am until 11pm. It is anticipated that the development will employ 45-60 staff, with a mix of full and part-time hours.

Council officers have said that the additional leis-

ure, food and drink units at the Concourse will have "sustainable travel benefits" as they will mean there is "trip containment."

This is because visitors can, "undertake multiple trip purposes at the site, rather than have to make several trips to different destinations."

After these new proposals were submitted Lancashire County Council called for the current car park management strategy at the Concourse to be

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'Play your part!' plea as NHS prepares for Covid patient surge

'We need your support to help us maintain our hospital services and get us all safely through the winter'

Report by **Tom Martin**

BOSSES at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals are urging locals to "play their part supporting NHS staff" as they prepare for extra pressures over the coming weeks caused by the Omicron variant.

It is expected that hospitals across the country will see a "surge" in the number of Covid-19 patients as the virus continues to spread at a rapid pace.

Dr Kate Clark, the executive medical director at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals, has identified three key ways that people can help.

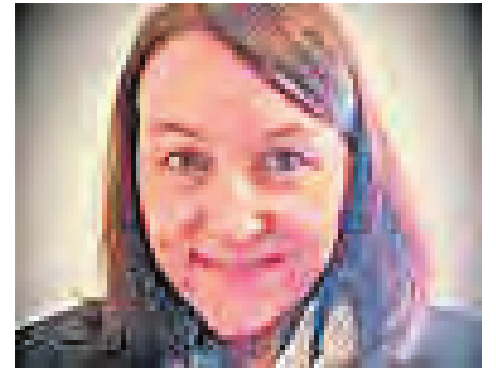
These are:

- Supporting the return home of patients who have completed their treatment and are ready to leave hospital. This will ensure there are beds available to support the increased numbers of Covid-19 patients

- Consulting the NHS111 website first when you have an urgent health need. It will point you to the most appropriate health care service, which may include A&E

- Getting vaccinated - this remains our strongest defence against Covid-19 and the impact of flu

Dr Clark added: "Winter is always a challenging time for our hospitals and this year is no exception. Our staff are working hard to maintain emergency



Dr Kate Clark, executive medical director at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals.

care and urgent cancer treatments as well as routine and planned care.

"As we start the New Year, we need patients and their families to help us to help you. We need your support helping us maintain our hospital services and getting us all safely through the winter."

It was reported just before Christmas that people catching Omicron are 50% to 70% less likely to need hospital care compared with previous variants, according to The UK Health Security Agency.

However, the variant could still lead to large numbers of people in hospital.

Meanwhile, coronavirus 'surge hubs' are to be set up at hospitals across England in preparation for a potential wave of Omicron admissions, the NHS has said.

The eight temporary 'Nightingale' units will each house about 100 patients and there are also plans to identify sites for a further 4,000 beds if needed.

The nearest one to Sefton and West Lancashire will be the Royal Preston hospital in Lancashire.

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Foodbank volunteers thank people who donated

THE volunteers at Ormskirk Foodbank want to thank everyone who donated to them in 2021.

Ormskirk Foodbank was set up by the local churches to help in times of crisis by providing much needed food.

Their centre is based at New Church House, Church Street in Ormskirk.

A spokesperson for Ormskirk Foodbank said: "The volunteers at Ormskirk Foodbank would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to us this year.

"We received wonderful donations from workplaces and community organisations, schools, churches, several hospital departments, the university and numerous private individuals.

"We heard that at least one family had donated instead of exchanging presents this year.

"Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide food, gifts and festive hampers for over 60 claimants in December alone, many being families with children.

"We were also able to supply sweets and chocolate to a partner organisation working with families.

"We are lucky to live in such a generous, caring community and we are very grateful.

"For further information about the foodbank, including opening hours and how to get a referral, please go to www.ormskirk.foodbank.org.uk."



Dramatic CCTV footage shows the car crashing into the pub beer garden with driver circled, inset, who fled the scene.

Car smashes into beer garden narrowly missing customers

Driver fled after causing thousands of pounds worth of damage to pub property

Report by **Henry James**

A CAR smashed into a pub beer garden in Skelmersdale narrowly missing people who were stood outside.

The incident happened outside the Hare and Hounds pub on Ormskirk Road at around 11pm on

Monday, December 27 and caused thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Shocking CCTV footage shows a blue Volvo estate car travelling at speed crashing into planters and benches and narrowly missing three men.

Police want to speak to the driver of the car who is seen running away.

It is understood no one was injured in the incident.

Andrea Lesbirel, manager of the Hare and Hounds said: "I'm happy there were no injuries but it could have been a completely different outcome had it been the summer when the outside of the pub is a lot busier."

She added: "The benches which were smashed are around £300 each and the bespoke planters cost about £500 each. We will have to replace the bollards

too. There must have been £2,000 worth of damage."

The pub opened as normal the following day after the scene was cleared during the night.

Staff at the pub were helped by local residents.

A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "We want to speak to the driver of the blue Volvo estate shown in the CCTV footage with regards to leaving the scene of a Road Traffic Collision at the Hare and Hounds on Ormskirk Road in Skelmersdale. It occurred around 11pm on Monday, December 27.

"We believe the person in the CCTV footage stills could have information which will help our enquiries.

"If you know who they are please e-mail 872@lancashire.police.uk."

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Pedestrian killed by suspected drug driver in Boxing Day crash

Police continue to appeal for information following death of man, aged in his 30s

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE continue to appeal for information after a pedestrian was killed in Skelmersdale by a suspected drug driver.

The incident occurred at around 9.25pm on Sunday, December 26 on Southway when a Skoda Octavia entered the dual carriageway from Bone Island.

It was then involved in a collision with a man, aged in his 30s.

The man was sadly pronounced dead at the scene a short time later.

A 29-year-old man from Skelmersdale was arrested at the scene on suspicion of driving with excess drugs and causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs. He has been released under investigation.

Police are now appealing for information about the incident and would like to speak to anybody who saw the collision or either the pedestrian or Skoda in the moments before it happened.

People who have dashcam or CCTV footage showing any part of the incident are also being urged to come forward.

Sgt Martin Wilcock, of the Lancashire Police TacOps team, said: "This was a tragic incident and first and foremost our thoughts are with the



Southway in Skelmersdale

family and friends of the man who died.

"We are now working extremely hard to piece together what happened and are asking anybody with information about this collision to get in touch.

"If you have any information at all, please let us know."

Meanwhile, social media users posted tributes on Facebook following the death.

Writing on the Skelmersdale Police post on Facebook, one person said: "Sending prayers to this young man's family at this tragic time."

Another person posted: "So very sad, thoughts and prayers are with the gentleman's family. RIP"

Anybody with information should contact 101, quoting log 1076 of December 26.

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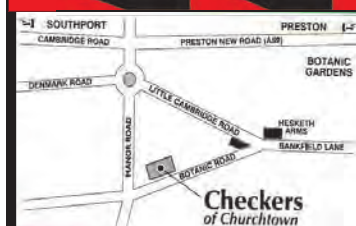
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Go-ahead for leisure complex plan

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reviewed. A new strategy was submitted and was accepted (five hour maximum stay, except paid for staff parking, proposed electric vehicle charging points and enhanced secure cycle provision.)

Heidi McDougall, West Lancashire Borough Council's corporate director of place and community, wrote in a council report that the plans should be approved: "I am of the view that it is a significant material consideration that the scheme will strengthen the viability and vitality of Skelmersdale Town Centre from the point of view of providing an evening economy and increased footfall, bolstering the trading position of the Concourse Centre, a key strategic aim of the council."

This proposal says the summary of the Pre-Application response from West Lancashire Borough Council said the scheme will "enhance the leisure offer" within Skelmersdale and the borough as a whole and "go towards a key strategic aim of the council" to "make Skelmersdale a leisure, recreational and retail centre of excellence within the North West."

The application has said there are no bowling alleys within the West Lancashire area which means the proposed facility will be "unique within the borough."

Forensics expert for police awarded MBE

Report by **Henry James**

A FORENSIC operations manager at Merseyside Police from Ormskirk has been recognised in the Queen's New Year 2022 Honours List for his dedicated service in fighting crime in the region.

Jon Stewart has been given an MBE for his service to the police.

Jon, 54, said: "It has been an absolute honour and a privilege to work for Merseyside Police, it is a great organisation and to receive this recognition for my contribution over the years is truly humbling."

"I wish to thank all my colleagues I have had the privilege to work with, my family and my old English teacher from Ormskirk Cross Hall High School, without their combined support over the years I would not be in this position today."

Chief Constable Serena Kennedy said: "It is fantastic that Jon has been honoured. He has played a crucial role in helping to solve investigations which would not otherwise have been possible without his expertise."

"I would like to congratulate him and thank him for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the whole of Merseyside Police."

Jon has a career spanning more than 30 years working with Merseyside Police which began in 1986 as a



Jon Stewart

clerk in the Marsh Lane admin office.

After two years he left the Force to join the Army and served in the Royal Military Police and was deployed to the middle east during the first Gulf War.

He left the Army in 1992 and attended Harperley Hall CSI training college in Durham as a private student. He initially started his CSI career in Bedfordshire then rejoined Merseyside Police as a CSI.

After 18 months he was promoted to Senior CSI working predominantly in Liverpool North and Sefton.

From 2005 – 2013 he was employed as the Forensic coordinator supporting Major/Serious and Organised Crime. From 2013 to date he heads the CSI department as Forensic operations manager.

He will be presented with his medal at Buckingham Palace or Windsor Castle in the New Year.

Sports students recognised for their hard work and dedication

THE work of two Edge Hill students has been recognised after they won an excellence award from the professional body for the sport and physical activity sector.

Sports Coaching and Development students Sophie Warden and Charlotte Oakley, who both graduated with firsts, won the Edge Hill Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity Graduation Prize for their dedication and hard work.

Sophie, who is now studying a Masters in Sport, Physical Activity and Mental Health at the university, said the award would be an invaluable help with her career progression.

Sophie, who is a competitive 400m hurdler and president of the Edge Hill athletics team, was diagnosed with an anxiety disorder six years ago.

But, determined not to let that stop her, she is in training for the BUCS Outdoor Athletics Championships in addition to her academic commitments.

She has also completed an internship with the Rugby League Cares sport and health charity, helping to launch a new initiative called Beyond the Sidelines, thanks to Edge Hill's Student Opportunity Fund.

Sophie said: "My anxiety makes me very hard on myself and the last couple of years have been particularly tough because of Covid-19. We all missed out on so much interaction, which was not the healthiest situation for me."

"But I focused on my studies and managed to get a first in every assignment and my interest in sport and mental health really developed as a result of my own experiences."



Sophie Warden

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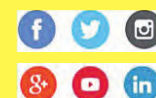
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Skem-based lifting gear firm is bought out by Swedish business

A SKELMERSDALE-BASED lifting equipment firm has been bought by a Swedish business "looking to strengthen its presence" in the British rental market.

Lifting Gear UK, which is based in the White Moss Business Park, has been sold to Axel Johnson international's business group Lifting Solutions.

Lifting Gear UK was founded in 2007 and has 12 strategically located depots across England and Scotland, from Glasgow in the north to Bridgwater in the south.

It is a lifting solutions provider with focus on equipment hire, but their offering also includes product sales and services such as heavy lifting projects and bespoke design and fabrication.

Ralf Wiberg, managing director of Lifting Solutions said: "We are very enthusiastic about this opportunity to expand our offering within the lifting rental market, which we believe will be a cornerstone in our future growth and increased focus on sustainable customer offers. Lifting Gear UK has a well-established brand and dedicated co-workers with a can-do attitude that we believe will contribute significantly to our group."

Andrew Harrison, managing director, Lifting Gear UK added: "Becoming part of Lifting Solutions group will provide us with



Lifting Gear UK's Skelmersdale offices (shown centre)

an excellent platform to further expand our presence and streamline our supply chain. We are looking forward to working closer with the group to further enhance our excellent customer service."

Chris Turner, former shareholder and founder of Lifting Gear UK added: "I believe that Axel Johnson International is the ideal owner to help grow Lifting Gear UK's business and brand recognition."

"I am confident that the group's culture and knowledge of the industry will support further growth of the company."

New strategy launched to help children 'reach their full potential'

A NEW strategy has set out how all children in the Lancashire region, including here in West Lancs, will be helped to reach their full potential.

Report by **Henry James**

Lancashire County Council chiefs say the county already has much to celebrate in terms of educational outcomes with most children doing well academically in school settings.

The new strategy seeks to build on this good performance to ensure all children get the very best from their education whatever their background.

It has been drawn up by Lancashire County Council following consultation with headteacher representative groups, Diocesan and faith groups, governing body representatives and early years providers.

The aims of the strategy include:

- Championing the most vulnerable by further developing ties between services, agencies and wider stakeholders

- Ensuring timely early help to unblock barriers to learning, including robust early help assessments

- Supporting and engaging with families

- Developing learning pathways to enable all children and young people to engage with the curriculum

- Reducing exclusions, persistent absence and elective home education

tion where it is not in the best interests of the child or young person

- Supporting all young people to develop the skills to progress in to training and work opportunities

Councillor Jayne Rear, cabinet member for education and skills, said: "We know that most pupils do well in our schools and that we compare very favourably with other similar authorities in terms of attainment."

"However our aspiration is high for all children and young people, regardless of their starting point, and we acknowledge that as a large and diverse county, some children currently do better than others."

"This strategy seeks to address this and will make a very positive contribution towards advancing equality of opportunity for all."

"By working with schools, governors and partner organisations we can make a real difference and help young people in Lancashire reach their full potential."

The strategy was presented to members of the county council's cabinet last month.

Masons help stock up Digmoor food bank

FOLLOWING on from a successful initiative in 2020, the Masonic Province of West Lancashire launched a similar scheme at the end of last year to help local food banks provide help and relief for those in need.

The Ormskirk and Bootle Group raised the magnificent sum of £3,500 in donations from the local Masonic Lodges and Chapters which meet at Ormskirk, Litherland and Charnock Richard.

This together with the many bags of food and toiletries donated was converted into approximately 4,000 items which were shared locally between the designated recipients of the Digmoor food bank in Skelmersdale and the Linacre Mission in Litherland.

The items were loaded up and delivered from the Masonic Halls in



Margaret Highton with the Mayor of West Lancashire Cllr Gordon Johnson and members of the Masonic Province of West Lancashire

Ormskirk and Litherland by members and gratefully received by each food bank.

The Mayor of West Lancashire Cllr Gordon Johnson assisted with the delivery and the presentation to the manager of the Digmoor food bank

Margaret Highton.

Margaret was overwhelmed with the amount of donations received and the continuing support from the freemasons and said it would go a very long way to helping those in need especially at this time of year.



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Convicted sex offender starts second spell in jail after he admits to sexually abusing child

Report by **Henry James**

A CONVICTED sex offender is starting a second spell in prison after admitting to sexually abusing a child in Ormskirk.

In April 2019 an investigation into the activities of Donald Maxwell Boyle was launched after a victim came forward to say she had been abused by the defendant in Ormskirk in the 1980s.

At that time Boyle went by the name of Donald Maxwell Wells but changed his name by deed poll after being jailed for abusing a child in the late 1980s, later moving to Wales.

While abusing the girl in Ormskirk, Boyle would instruct her in detail of exactly what he wanted her to do to him.

He also made threats towards her to ensure she did not tell her parents what had gone on.

When Boyle, 71, of Llewelyn Street, Aberffraw, Ty Croes, Gwynedd, Wales, was interviewed by police, he denied any wrongdoing.

When he appeared before a Judge at Preston Crown Court

earlier this year Boyle pleaded guilty to charges of indecent assault and indecency with a child.

Last week he was sentenced to five years in custody.

He was also given an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order and told to sign the Sex Offenders Register for life.

DC Kelly Rosenthal, of Ormskirk CID, said: "Boyle is a manipulative and controlling individual who abused his young victim for his own sordid sexual interests."

"He went to great lengths to try and evade justice, first threatening his victim and then changing his name after being released from prison."

"Thanks to the bravery of the victim in coming forward and the determination and dedication of all the officers involved in this case, Boyle's past has well and truly caught up with him."

"I hope this case and its outcome will encourage other victims of sexual abuse – no matter how historic – to come forward."

"They can do so knowing they will be listened to, believed and that Lancashire Police will do everything in our power to keep them safe and bring the perpetrator to justice."

If you or somebody you know has been the victim of a sexual offence report it to police via 101 or <https://orlo.uk/2myqc>



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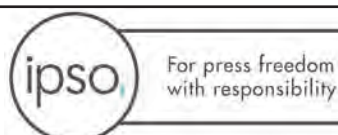
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Viewers gripped by ‘emotional’ Hillsborough drama about campaigner Anne Williams

ITV series focuses on mum’s unflinching fight for truth and justice

Report by **Tom Martin**

VIEWERS have been gripped this week by the “harrowing and emotional” ITV drama about Hillsborough campaigner and Formby mum Anne Williams.

The four-part drama called ‘Anne’, which is due to air its final episode tonight (January 5), has laid bare the horrors of the 1989 disaster that resulted in 97 supporters losing their lives and the subsequent police cover-up.

Central to the plot is Anne Williams, played by Maxine Peake, who had an unflinching battle for truth and justice following the death of her son, 15-year-old Kevin.

Anne, from Formby, who died at the age of 62 in 2013, left a lasting legacy not only for the Hillsborough campaign but also Liverpool fans who refer to her as the ‘Iron Lady’.

Formby is featured prominently in ‘Anne’, with many scenes set on the sand dunes, local streets and Formby High School.

The mini-series was written by Kevin Sampson – author of Hillsborough Voices, for which Anne was interviewed on several occasions, and a fan in



Anne Williams (left) played by Maxine Peake

attendance at Hillsborough– and has been developed with the support of Anne’s daughter, Sara.

Kevin said: “Anne’s is a story of a mother’s love being stronger than any opponent or obstacle. She refused to lie down, and it’s an honour that her family has entrusted us with telling her inspirational story.”

Sara Williams said: “Mum’s story was such a powerful and inspiring one, and we all remember how important she felt it was to get the message out there and bang the drum for justice.

“Over the years there has been a number of expressions of interest in dramatising her story, but the key factor for me was the involvement of people I

knew personally, and who also have a deep understanding of Hillsborough, our story and all the elements around that.

“I am excited, as well as a little bit scared, for viewers to see my mum’s story, but I just felt it was the right thing to do. Alongside some very talented people, we have given everything to ensure we produce a series that does justice to my mum, our Kev, the 97 and everyone involved with Hillsborough.”

A companion documentary, The Real Anne: Unfinished Business, will air at 9pm on Thursday, January 6 as Maxine Peake speaks to families, survivors and more about the campaign to reveal the truth of what happened at Hillsborough.

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Strictly winner backs MP's campaign over British Sign Language

Report by **Henry James**

EASTENDERS star and **Strictly Come Dancing** winner **Rose Ayling-Ellis**, has backed **Rosie Cooper** MP's campaign to declare **British Sign Language** as an official language of the UK.

The actress, who is deaf, shared a link to a story on the MP's website about the Bill to her 95,000 followers on Twitter and wrote: "This is such a huge, important event for the deaf community to get the government to declare BSL as an official language."

"It sound so simple but it would do so much good and change things for the better."

The MP's tweet has received more than 8,000 likes and has been retweeted more than 800 times. It also included more than 100 messages of encouragement and support for the MP's Bill.

Ann Jollings wrote in response: "Let's hope that 2022 is the year we get a BSL Act and the BSL GCSE in place."

"Thank you for raising the profile of the deaf community and for using your profile for such positive representation. You are a beautifully talented dancer as well as fantastic role model."

Before Christmas the Champion highlighted how the Bill is a personal campaign for Ms Cooper as her parents were 'profoundly deaf'.

The MP's parliamentary debate of her British Sign Language Bill will take place on January 28, 2022.

If the Bill passes its second reading it will receive a committee stage and a third reading later in the year.



Rose Ayling-Ellis is backing the campaign by Rosie Cooper MP, inset.

Ms Cooper is inviting all MPs to attend a drop-in event on January 19 that she is hosting in Parliament, which is being supported by the British Deaf Association, RNID and other charities representing the deaf community.

Rosie Cooper MP has said: "The timing couldn't have been better. Rose Ayling-Ellis has brought this incredibly important issue into every living room via TV screens across the country while she conquered *Strictly Come Dancing*."

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Ambulance service hit hard by staff suffering from 'Long Covid'

Report by **Tom Martin**

NORTH West Ambulance Service has been impacted by staff suffering from 'Long Covid' after fresh reports emerged showing how large numbers of staff are experiencing symptoms weeks after contracting the virus.

A Freedom of Information request made to the North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust by the All-Party Parliamentary Group has revealed that between March 2020 and September 2021, tens of thousands of working days were lost due to staff experiencing Covid or Covid-related sickness more than 28 days after contracting the virus.

Long Covid, also known as post-Covid-19 syndrome, is recognised by the NHS when people report having symptoms weeks or months after the infection has gone.

In one case, a member of staff for NWAS had been absent from work with Covid related sickness for 544 days, with four others absent for over a year.

Overall, 398 staff members were absent from work from March 2020 to September 2021 due to Covid related sickness, for more than 28 days in at least one episode.

According to the most recent ONS statistics, an estimated 1.2million (1.9% of the population) are living with Long Covid, with fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of smell and difficulty concentrating reported as the most common symptoms.

Steve Rotheram, Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, said: "While much of the focus of the past two years has been on fighting the pandemic, there hasn't been enough attention paid to the two lurking



NWAS has been impacted by Long Covid and (left) Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram

endemics that Covid is causing: in mental health and in Long Covid.

"These figures show the scale of the impact that Long Covid is having on people's lives and their ability to work and provide for their families. Many of those suffering are frontline workers who we all stood and applauded last year. Much more needs to be done to understand and treat Long Covid and to properly support those who are still suffering from its effects."

How long it takes to recover from Covid-19 is different for everybody.

Many people feel better in a few days or weeks and most will make a full recovery within 12 weeks. But for some people, symptoms can last longer.

The chances of having long-term symptoms does not seem to be linked to how ill you are when you first get COVID-19.

People who had mild symptoms at first can still have long-term problems.



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County councillor calls on Tories to close tax loopholes

SKELMERSDALE County Cllr Julie Gibson, the Labour Group Shadow Spokesperson for Economic Regeneration has called on the Government to close tax loopholes that allow people to register or move

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Speaking to the North West Regional Labour Party Conference, Cllr Gibson called on the Government to introduce a tax system where everyone paid their "fair share."

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NHS trusts should not use police as 'mental health support service' says MP

'We shouldn't be pulling bobbies off the beat and asking them to do welfare checks on patients'

Report by Henry James

ROSIE Cooper MP has called for NHS trusts to stop using the police as a mental health support service.

The West Lancashire MP has raised this matter with the Secretary of State for Health after local NHS Trusts like Lancashire & South Cumbria Care and Greater Manchester Mental Health have told her to refer mental health crises to the local police rather than intervene themselves.

Ms Cooper said: "It cannot be right that the already stretched police force are being made to do the job of the NHS!"

"We shouldn't be pulling bobbies away from the beat and asking them to do welfare checks on patients suffering a mental health crisis."

"My office recently received a call from a resident that said they were suicidal."

"When we contacted the person's mental health team within Greater

Manchester Mental Health Trust, we were told to call the police instead!"

"Crises like this need to be dealt with by the trained healthcare teams responsible for the patient rather than expecting the police to intervene."

"I am told in the past three years, Lancashire Constabulary have spent on average 30.7 hours per day deploying to 'Concern for Welfare' calls from other agencies like mental health providers."

"The police force should not be expected to do NHS work when they should be catching crooks!"

"In 2021, Lancashire police received over 234 requests for assistance with patients on mental health wards, forcing them to spend hours in hospitals rather than out in the community."

"I understand that Health Services are stretched themselves, but this is not an excuse to place the responsibility of mental health care crises onto the police."

"We need a proper solution where NHS Mental Health Services actually react to the crisis, not depend on the Police to do their job for them!"

"We know that there are some specialist units where the NHS and police have a dedicated team to respond together."

"There is one in the Manchester health area - yet it wasn't deployed in this case - my staff were told to ring 999 - that's not good enough!"



Rosie Cooper MP.

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Joshua is shown (left to right) with Daniela and Elizabeth

Creative children awarded for their unique card designs

Report by **Henry James**

PRIMARY school pupils in West Lancashire have been awarded for their Christmas card designs as part of the borough council's competition.

The authority had entries from children all over the borough and their judging panel had a very "difficult job" to decide the winner.

After carefully looking over all the designs they chose the Christmas tree by Joshua Crompton, from Holland Moor Primary School as the winner.

The runners up were Elizabeth Jackson, also from Holland Moor Primary School, and Daniela Narvaia, from Woodland Community Primary

School. Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, came up with the theme of 'What Christmas means to me' for the competition.

He said: "We want to thank all the children who sent in entries and we hope our competition spread some Christmas cheer after a difficult year. There were so many terrific designs and we clearly have a lot of talented and creative children in West Lancashire."

Joshua's winning design featured on the council's official Christmas card sent to dignitaries as well as 'friends and partners' across the borough.

All three children also enjoyed a VIP zoom call with the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Gordon Johnson.



Joshua's winning card design

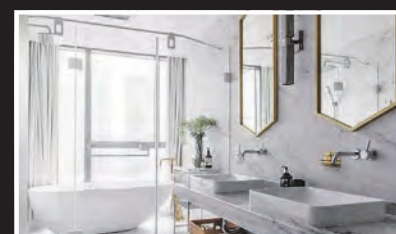
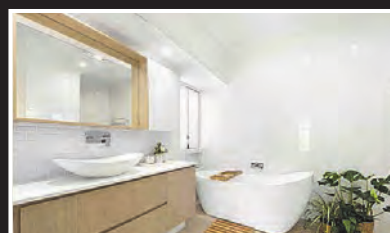
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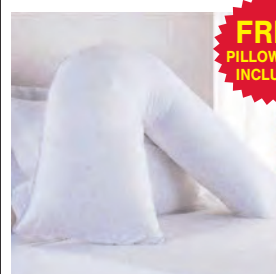


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West Lancs derby takes on extra importance as both sides have eyes on promotion

THE West Lancashire Derby will take place this Saturday as both Burscough and Skelmersdale United battle for points to boost their promotion hopes, **writes Neil Leatherbarrow.**

The two last met at Burscough's Community Ground on a windswept night back in October and it ended 2-2.

Burscough romped into a 2-0 lead with goals from Josh Quarless and James Salkeld but Skelmersdale fought back and equalised in the last five minutes, thanks to goals from Abdul Djalo and Joe Herbert.

However, Burscough's goal scoring heroes Quarless and Salkeld have moved on - Quarless to Northern Premier club City of Liverpool and Salkeld to Skelmersdale United, where he could create an infamous line in the history books of scoring for both teams in the same season in a West Lancs derby.

Skelmersdale are currently second in the North West Counties Premier Division table, Burscough are fourth, and both have recently lost long unbeaten runs.

A big gate is expected on Saturday and turnstiles open at 2pm.

The Colliers v The Boatmen as it was originally back in the 19th Century, or the Blues against the Greens, and this one promises to be one of the real memorable ones especially as both teams still have promotion hopes.

Saturday is a big day in the history of West Lancashire football.

Skem made to pay for sloppy start at Winsford

Winsford United 3
Skelmersdale United 2

SKELMERSDALE United suffered their first league defeat in 14 matches after a first half hat-trick from Winsford's David Short, **writes Kevin Panther.**

Nine minutes into the match and an innocuous corner from the hosts was cleared only for the referee to point to the spot.

Even the home supporters were at a loss at the decision but Short stepped up and opened the scoring from the penalty spot.

Just four minutes later a slip by Ben Barnes saw his clearance fall to former Skem midfielder Matty Coughlan who slid in Short who casually placed his shot to put more misery on Skelmersdale.

Skem had gone a month without a game and it showed in the opening half hour, as Paul McNally's men were well off the pace, the pitch not conducive to their fluent passing style didn't help matters either.

The best United could muster was an excellent run at goal from Mikey Howard that was ended by a well-timed tackle from Coughlan.



Kenny Strickland scored from a free kick.

Winsford made it three on 36 minutes. Adam Barlow's attempted cross saw him miss the ball with his right foot only to see the ball hit the right boot and fall at the feet of Short, with Ben Barnes wrong footed the No 9 tapped in for his

hat-trick.

It could have been four just moments later, again a misplaced pass found Duckworth in acres of space and his clever lob just going wide of the upright.

United started the second period in more determined mood, playing four up front they had Winsford on the back foot from the off.

Skem were offered a lifeline on 69 minutes when Danny Mitchley was brought down in the box, the ref had no hesitation this time, Howard duly slotted home.

On 90 minutes Mitchley was again sent sprawling on the edge of the box, up stepped Kenny Strickland with a sublime finish that left the keeper rooted.

Even goalkeeper Ben Barnes was sent up for a corner as Skelmersdale had all 11 men in the Winsford box late on, but there was no way through.

The one consolation for manager Paul McNally's side was that rivals for the North West Counties Premier Division title Macclesfield also lost, 1-0 at Prestwich Hays.

McNally said: "We have been short of game time and with a number of players having Covid we have not been able to train fully, however what happened in those first 30 minutes was not acceptable."

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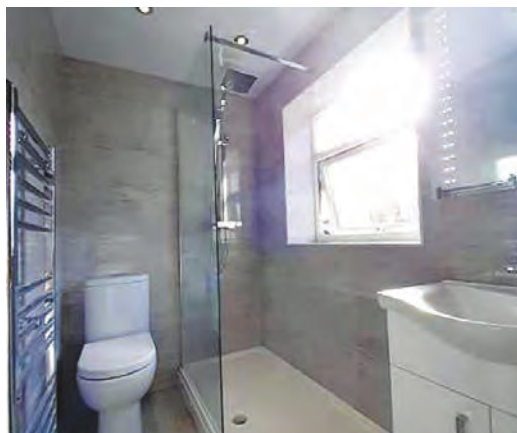
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- Eastleigh, Elmers Green, Elmers Green Lane, Evington, Feltons Mews

HOLT GREEN

- Beech Road, Brookfield Lane, Elmsfield Park, Sandy Lane, Smithy Lane

OLD SKELMERSDALE

- Church Road, Manor Grove, The Winsters, Wilcove, Willow Hey

ORMSKIRK

- Court Green, Heskin Lane, Southport Road
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- Ashcroft Avenue, Burscough Street, Pennington Court

- New Court Way, Chestnut Court, Hardacre Street, Station Road

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- Knowsley Road, St. Helens Road

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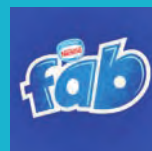
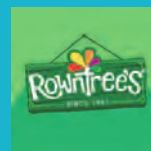
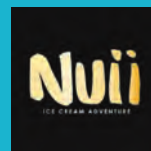
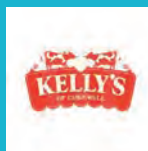
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4th January 2010

They tell us Life's a journey that will take us many years. Some days are filled with laughter and some days are filled with tears.

Some days we turn to
look for you
with thoughts we'd
like to share.
Some days we just
can't understand the
reason you're not
there.

Some days the
sadness leaves us
and our smiles soon
reappear.
Some days we close
our eyes because
your memory is so
clear.

Some days we
struggle to go on
just wishing you were
near.
Most days we spend
in gratitude that you
were ever here.

Missing you always,

Loving Wife Margaret,
Daughters Shirley and
Sandra, Sons-in-Law
Simon and Gregg and
Grandchildren James,
Ellie, Lydia and Clara
XXXXXXXXXX

Terry and the family wish to express their deepest gratitude and thanks to all relatives and friends for their kind words of comfort and support during this difficult time and for the generous donations towards
Dementia UK

We would particularly like to thank all the staff team at Birch Abbey Nursing Home who cared for Marjorie and made her stay there so pleasant and welcoming.

Special thanks to the Reverend Sonya Marshall at Leyland Road Methodist Church which was such a big part of Marjorie's life. The service was beautiful and we thank you for your comfort and support.

Finally, our profound thanks go to David and the entire team at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors. They could not have done more for us and the service was so professional, warm and caring.

There's even more online!
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Margaret and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours, for their kind messages of sympathy, cards and donations received following their recent sad loss of Pat.

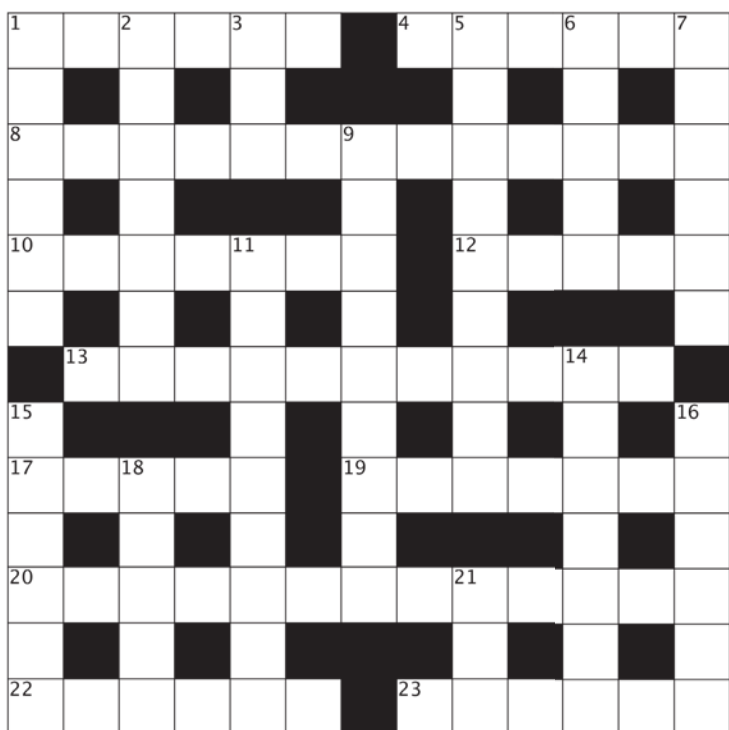
Special thank you to Claire from the respiratory team, and Dr. Amer from Aughton Surgery for their care of Pat.

Thanks also to Rev. Janet Roberts, for her kind ministrations and to Anabel and staff at MLS Funeral Directors for their caring and dignified funeral arrangements.

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ACROSS

1. A short coat (6)
4. Capital city of Colombia (6)
8. Novel written by Jane Austen (9,4)
10. Brian ____, former manager of The Beatles (7)
12. Main character in Through the Looking-Glass by Lewis Carroll (5)
13. Author of Frankenstein (4,7)
17. Wish for greatly or envy (5)
19. Ongoing NASA space mission to the outer solar system launched in 1977 (7)
20. Female Scottish TV presenter (8,5)
22. Sleepy (6)
23. A trade union formed in 1993 (6)

DOWN

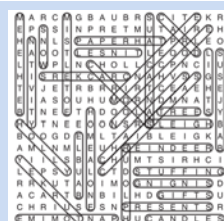
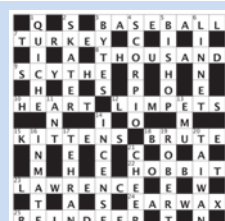
1. A sweater (6)
2. A card game of the rummy family (7)
3. Mythical being with pointed ears (3)
5. The central criminal court of England and Wales (3,6)
6. An animal of the giraffe family (5)
7. Leg joints (6)
9. A city in the south Netherlands (9)
11. People that built the great pyramid of Giza (9)
14. Flows over and covers or surrounds (7)
15. Climbed (6)
16. Stick of coloured wax for drawing (6)
18. A sign of the zodiac (5)
21. Barbie's male counterpart (3)

WORDSEARCH

This week's wordsearch theme is 2021. Remember that the words can run in a straight line in any direction.

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DEATHS

SWIFT SANDRA

On Christmas Eve in Southport Hospital with her loving son Liam and her loving brother Kevin by her side, playing her favourite Elvis Songs

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 3.00pm.

Family flowers only but donations are being gratefully received by the family for Parkinsons UK in memory of Sandra.

Further enquiries please to Formby Funeralcare, 58 Browns Lane, Formby L37 4ED
Tel: 01704 878480.

PATERSON JOHN STUART

Passed away peacefully
aged 89 years

Dearly loved husband of Esther
Much loved Dad of Andrea and Jennifer
Devoted Grandad to Rebecca Jenna Jamie Sophie and Philip
and Great Grandad to Jessica

Funeral service and burial to take place at St Andrews Church, Damfield Lane Maghull on Friday 7th January 2022 at 10am

Family flowers only please and we kindly ask that any charitable donations are to be made to Dementia UK and St Andrews Church if desired

All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors
128b Burscough Street
Ormskirk L39 2EY
Tel: 01695 572997


To place a family announcement please call
01704 392392


DEATHS

ANDERSON JAMES GORDON

On 25th December 2021
Peacefully at
Abendon Nursing Home
Aged 87 years

Dearly loved Husband of Margaret.
Loving Dad of Gail and Ian and Father in law of Emma.
Proud Grandfather of Jacob, Joe and Evie.
Dear Brother to Geoffrey.

Funeral service and cremation to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 13th January 2022 at 2pm.
Family flowers only by request
Donations if so desired can be made to Alzheimer's Society

Donations and further enquiries please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG
Tel: 01704 214118

MILLINGTON ANTONY JEFFERIES (TONY)

Passed away peacefully
on 18th December 2021

Dearly loved Husband to Sheila.
He will be loved and missed by all his family and friends

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 12th January 2021 at 12noon

Family flowers only but donations if so desired to Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

Further enquiries please contact Sally Ann Hunter
MLS Independent Funeral Directors
22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough, L40 5TP
Tel: 01704 891555

DEATHS

BRADSHAW NADINE (NEE HOOTON)

21st December 2021
Aged 104 Years

Passed away peacefully at Lyndale Nursing Home.
Devoted wife of the late George F. Bradshaw, loving Mother to David and Christine.

Much loved and sadly missed by all her grand-children, great grandchildren and all the family.

The funeral service will take place at St Cuthbert's Parish Church at 1:15 pm and committal to follow at Southport Crematorium at 2:00pm.

Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being greatly received for St Cuthbert's North Meols or MacMillan Cancer Support by scanning the QR code below.



Further enquiries please to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Ln, Southport PR9 9DR.
Tel: 01704 500086.

SCARISBRICK BRENDA (NEE SMITH)

Peacefully in her sleep
Aged 98 Years

Dearly loved Mum of Kathleen. Much loved Nana of Gillian, Angela and Linda. A very dear Nan to all her Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren. Adored Aunty of Ruth.

A very special lady who will be forever missed by her family and friends.

Funeral to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 13th January at 1.00pm.

Donations and further enquiries to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough.
Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

NORMAN KATHRYN JOY (Nee McLaughlin)

Passed away suddenly on
26th December 2021

Aged 33 years

Loving Wife of Mark, devoted Mother to Max, Emily and Charlotte, cherished Daughter of Karen and Alan, Stepdaughter to Chris and Lynn, dear Sister to Richard and Stepsister to Catherine and David.

We are broken hearted.

You will be sorely missed but forever in our hearts.

Funeral Service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 11th January at 12pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Cancer Research UK or Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

All enquiries to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Marchside Road, Churchtown, Southport PR9 8PF
Tel 01704 227430

WARD PHILLIP JAMES

13th December 2021
Passed away suddenly in Margate, formerly of Skelmersdale,
aged 52 years

Much loved Son of Graham and Kathie, Dear Father of Harrison and a Dear Brother of Chris and Kerry.

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 14th January 2021, at 1.00pm.

Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Diabetes UK.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter
MLS Independent Funeral Directors
20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton.
Tel 01695 424888

DEATHS

FAWDRY (NÉE WALTER) VIOLET MIRIAM (MIM)

On 20th December 2021
peacefully in Southport General Hospital
aged 97 years

Beloved Wife of Geoff. Dearly loved Mother of Patricia, Diana and Nicola. Loving Mother-in-Law of David, Ian and Keith, a devoted Granny and Great Granny.

Funeral Service will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 7th January 2022 at 2:00pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK c/o the Funeral Director or via the following link www.violettawdry.muchloved.com (please gift aid if possible)

All enquiries to Messrs B. Livesey Ltd.
Tel: 01257 262602

KIRBY ANDREA

On 19th December 2021
Peacefully in hospital
Aged 64 Years

Loving Wife of Tom. Devoted Mum of Louise, David (Dec'd), Paul, Lyndsay and Darren. Cherished Nan of Shanice, Shane, Lewis, David, Alisha, Jack, Owen, Lucas, Kira, Bradley, Alex, Thomas, Barbie, Eiffa and Ged (Dec'd). Great Nandrea of Brody and Bella.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service and interment will take place at St Richards Church on Thursday 6th January at 11.00am.

All enquiries to Margaret Whitlam Skelmersdale Funeral Service
29/31 Sandy Lane
Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

CONSTANTINE RICHARD

Peacefully on
26th December
aged 72 years

Dearly beloved
Husband of June.

Much loved Dad of Adam, Ruth & Sarah.

Loving Grandad of Lucas, Phoebe, Austin, Ethan, Olive & Eleanor.

Big Brother of Lorraine, Lilac, Dee & Duncan.

Much loved Uncle of all his nieces and nephews.

Richard will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service and Committal will take place at West Lancs. Crematorium on Friday 7th January at 4pm.

The family wish to thank the staff at Stocks Hall Care Home, Ormskirk for all their loving care.

Family flowers only by request please and donations to Stocks Hall, Ormskirk.

Further enquiries please to Ormskirk FuneralCare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk, L39 2AU,
01695 577244

FITZPATRICK BILL

Passed away after a short illness aged 51 years.

Son of William Fitzpatrick and The late Norah Fitzpatrick, Brother to Angela,

He will be sadly missed.

Bill's Funeral service will be held on Friday 7th January 2022, 12noon at St John's The Baptist Church, Burscough.

Further enquiries to Brandon Collins, MLS Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough, L40 5TP.
Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

CARR BRIAN ARTHUR

20th December 2021
Aged 86 Years
Peacefully at Home

Loving husband of Angela, Caring Dad of Judith and Martin and father in law to Andrew and Claire. Wonderful Grandad to James, Thomas, Helen and Edward and proud great grandfather to James, Daniel and Jessica.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Requiem Mass to take place at St Richard's Roman Catholic Church, Skelmersdale on Friday 7th January at 11:00am.

Family flowers only please but donations if so desired to Sightsavers.

All Enquiries to David at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors, 5 The Common, Parbold, WN8 7HA
Tel: 01257 462222

CARNEY WENDY ADAIR NÉE BARTON

On 10th December 2021
Peacefully at home
Aged 91 years

Beloved wife of the late Ronald Carney
Loving mum to Pattie, Chris & David
Loving Nan & Nanny to her grandchildren & great grandchildren

Funeral service to take place at St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 2pm. Followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium. Family only.

Family flowers only by request, Donations if so desired can be made to N.S.P.C.C

Donations and further enquiries please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG
Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

HENDERSON ALICE (NEE MELVIN)

3rd July 1939 –
25th December 2021

Aged 82 years

Dearly Beloved Wife of Don.
Much Loved Mum of Kevin.
Dear Mother-In-Law of Alison.
Devoted Nana of Ben and Carly, and their Partners Natalie and Simon, and Great Granddaughter, Emily.

Alice will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 2pm.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for R.S.P.C.A..

All enquiries to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF
Tel: 01704 227430.

GILLAM OLWYN

(nee Williams)

25th December 2021
Aged 84 years
Peacefully after a short illness

Loving wife of the late John and mother of Peter, Alan and David. Mother in law to Janet, Jill and Carmel. Grandmother to Lawrence, Amy, Jack, Melanie, Leah and Daniel and great grandmother to Sam.

Olwyn will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Funeral to be held on Monday 17th January 2022 at Thornton Crematorium at 3pm

Family flowers only but donations if desired to bloodcancer.org.uk

All enquires c/o H Leslie Humphreys
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DEATHS

LLOYD ALAN HARRY

Peacefully in
Queenscourt Hospice
on 26th December 2021
aged 89 years

Dearly beloved
Husband of the late
Joan.

Much loved Father of
Sandra and Karen.

Dear Father-in-Law of
Joe and Steve.

Dear Granddad
of Michelle, Karl,
Gemma and Rachael
and Great Granddad
of Chloe, Yasmin,
Jack, Lilly-Mae,
James and Lucy.

Alan was also a dear
friend of Peggy.

Alan will be sadly
missed by all his
family and friends.

Funeral Service and
Committal will take
place at Southport
Crematorium on
Thursday 13th
January 2022 at
11am.

Family flowers only by
request please but the
family are gratefully
receiving donations for
the Rotary Club of
Southport.

Further enquiries
please to: Porters
Funeralcare, 111a
Bispham Road,
Southport, PR9 7BJ
Tel: 01704 212714.

DEATHS

NELSON TIMOTHY PAUL (TIM)

17th December 2021
Aged 60 Years

Much adored Brother
to Vicki, Gordon &
Karl. Proud Father
to Daniel & a very
special friend to Kevin,
Janet, Michelle &
many more.

Tim was hugely loved
& will be greatly
missed by all his
family & friends.

The family wish to
thank Mountbatton
Care, District Nurse &
QC Palliative teams for
all the love, support &
care they gave to Tim.

Funeral service
at Southport
Crematorium on
Tuesday 18th January
2022 at 1:00pm.
Family Flowers only
please but donations
if so desired are for
Queenscourt Hospice.

Enquiries to Howard's
Funeral Directors, 1-5
Roe Lane, Southport,
PR9 9DR.
Tel: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

CRONIN DON

83 Years
19 December 2021

Adored Husband of
Barbara.
Devoted Dad of
Cheryl, Susan
(deceased) and Step
Dad of Lynne.
Father in law of Nick
and Stee (deceased).
Cherished Grandad
and Great Grandad of
all his Grandchildren.

Don will be greatly
missed by all his
family and all those
who knew him.

Funeral Service
at West Lancs
Crematorium on
Monday 10th January
at 2.00pm..
Family flowers
only please but
donations, if so
desired, will be very
gratefully received for
Parkinsons UK.

Donations and further
enquiries please to
Sally Hunter, MLS
Independent Funeral
Directors, 22a,
Liverpool Road North,
Burscough.
Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

HOLCROFT ANTHONY PETER

Sadly passed away
on Wednesday
15th December
2021 at home
Tony aged 76 years
died peacefully after a
short illness

Devoted Dad. Loving
Brother. Beloved
grandad.

Tony will be greatly
missed by all of his
family and friends.

A funeral service
will be held at West
Lancashire Cemetery
& Crematorium,
Pippin St on Tuesday
11th January at
12 O'clock. Family
flowers only,
donations if so
desired to The Captain
Tom Foundation
c/o the funeral
director or family.

All enquiries to MLS
Independent Funeral
Directors, 20 Moss
Delph Lane, Aughton,
Ormskirk, Lancashire,
L39 5DZ
Tel: 01704 424888

DEATHS

WAITE ANTHONY (TONY)

Tony passed away
peacefully at
Arranmore Park
Rest Home, Burscough
Aged 78 Years
on 20th December 2021

Much-loved Husband
of Beryl. Stepfather
to Ian, Grandpa to
Elise and Jack. A
dear Brother-in-Law
to Linda and Dave,
John and Lyn, Uncle
to Paula, Nikki, Laura
and Paul, and special
member of the family
to Bev, Emily, and
Lilly.

Funeral service at
West Lancashire
Crematorium on
Friday 14th January
2022 at 3pm.
Family flowers only
and donations to
the British Heart
Foundation.

Donations and further
enquiries please to
Sally Hunter. MLS
Independent Funeral
Directors. 20. Moss
Delph Lane. Aughton.
Tel 01695 424888

DEATHS

BOWEN KOFI JOE

Suddenly at home
on 4th December 2021
aged 19 years

Son, Grandson,
Brother, Cousin, and
Nephew.

Kofi will be sadly
missed by his family,
friends, and all who
knew him.

Funeral service will
take place at St
Cuthbert's Church,
Churchtown, on
Friday 14th January
at 1.45pm followed
by a private committal
at Southport
Crematorium. Flowers
are welcome and
shall be gifted to the
church, alternatively
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James. Devoted
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U4267 FLEETWOOD CRESCENT, BANKS,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U4267 Fleetwood Crescent, Banks from its S outerly junction with U1253 Fleetwood Drive, Banks for a distance of 50m in a South Easterly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 24th January 2022 until 1600 hours on Friday 11th February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: U1253 Fleetwood Drive and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a gas governor and lay approx. 300m of PE to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Cadent Gas.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33236/EW]

www.lancashire.gov.ukLANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U473 CULVERT LANE, NEWBURGH,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U473 Culvert Lane, Newburgh from X9213 Ferrett Lane, Newburgh for a distance of 20m in a Southerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0001 hours until 0600 hours on Wednesday 26th January 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible owing to both U473 Culvert Lane, Newburgh and X9213 Ferrett Lane, Newburgh being no through roads.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow plain line track renewal works at the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34162/EW]

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(U422 HOLLY LANE, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U422 Holly Lane, Rufford in its entirety.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 24th January 2022 until 1700 hours on Wednesday 26th January 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible owing to this being a no through road.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow new gas service installation works to be carried out by Cadent Gas.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33867/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U1141 TOWER HILL ROAD, UP HOLLAND,
WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U1141 Tower Hill Road, Up Holland from a point 40m North East of its junction with U1143 Wellcross Road, Up Holland for a distance of 60m in a Northerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Saturday 8th January 2022 until 1600 hours on Sunday 9th January 2022 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: C157 Chequer Lane, Up Holland - C158 Ravenhead Way, Up Holland - A577 Stannanough Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Windmill Road, Up Holland - A577 Newgate Road, Up Holland - A577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the long sided disconnection of old lead water supply and installation of replacement water connection to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/33298/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U905 DARK LANE, ORMSKIRK, U5325 BLYTHE LANE, LATHOM AND U5290 HOB CROSS LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of highway in the West Lancashire Borough:-
 - i. U905 Dark Lane, Ormskirk from U1033 Greetby Hill, Ormskirk to X218 Abbey Lane, Lathom.
 - ii. U5325 Blythe Lane, Lathom from X218 Abbey Lane, Lathom to U299 Flax Lane, Burscough.
 - iii. U5290 Hobcross Lane, Lathom from U299 Flax Lane, Burscough to B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0900 hours and 1500 hours from Tuesday 1st February 2022 until Thursday 3rd February 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U1033 Greetby Hill, Ormskirk - U909 Tower Hill, Ormskirk - A577 Wigan Road, Ormskirk - A577 Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk - A577 Crosshall Brow, Westhead - A577 Wigan Road, Westhead - A577 Wigan Road, Lathom - B5240 Plough Lane, Lathom - B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34260/EW]

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I'm actually speaking to you from the past...



The Goodwood Revival was one of the many events packed with classics despite the ongoing pandemic

I'M SURE the folks at the Champion won't mind me letting you into a little secret. You might be reading this in your first newspaper of 2022 but I'm actually speaking to you from the past, as 2021 is put out of its misery by a succession of Year In Review stories.

Obviously the biggest story has been the arrival of the Omicron variant, and while I'm glad that it appears to be milder than the outgoing version it is a tad baffling that the World Health Organisation appears to have named it after a bus chassis developed by Lancia. All of the various variants seem to have old Lancias in common, actually – we've already had the Beta, the Gamma and the Delta, and I'm sure that later this year we can welcome the Ypsilon, Stratos and Thema Turbo. I'm not sure what the final variant will be, but chances are it'll be confined just to the Italian market and be loosely based on the Fiat 500.

All of these variants and the restrictions that came with them meant that we had a cautious return to some semblance of 2019-era life, and while it's clear that the new car market still isn't having much fun, with the number of cars made in the UK down 28.7% this year, the appetite for old ones seems to be healthier than ever.

The UK's national classic car show, held at the NEC back in November, was visited by 63,000 of you – which is down on 2019's tally of 71,000, but is still mightily impressive when everyone going had to prove that they'd had their jabs or a negative lateral flow test. I also went to the Cumbria Classic & Motorsport Show, which reported its biggest ever vehicle turnout, with 800 old cars, bikes, buses and

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so on heading to the Lake District, and in Cheshire the organisers of the Tatton Park show reported more than 1000 classic cars going on display, despite having some fairly horrendous weather to contend with. Right here on our doorstep we had the inaugural Southport Classic & Speed, too, with plans for a follow-up already in the offing.

At every one of them – and countless other car shows, runs, rallies and tours too – people told me variations of the same assessment. In a nutshell, I've had my jabs and I've had enough of sitting around at home, so bring on the car shows. I reckon it's this pent-up demand that's behind what's happening with people buying classic cars too, with prices up and more people snapping up old cars, particularly over the internet. What's more, it isn't stuff like Jaguar E-types and Austin-Healeys that people seem to be going for – it's Austin Allegros and Ford Sierras. The stuff your dad used to drive, basically.

Obviously how 2022 pans out depends entirely on whether the Thema Turbo variant pans out, but I'm optimistic that we'll all be able to get out and enjoy the cars we love a bit more. No, scratch that – a lot more.

**David Simister is the editor of
Classic Car Weekly**

PEUGEOT has tweaked its all-electric e-20008 to give it more range. The five-door crossover's been treated to new tyres, a more efficient heat pump and an updated transmission to eke out more miles from motorway driving, all of which means it can now cover 214 miles on a charge. It's part of a wider update to the 2008 range, which also includes changes to the petrol and diesel models. To find out more go to www.peugeot.co.uk or pop into your nearest dealer.



Peugeot says that its all-electric 2008 can now travel further on a charge

Lotus has ceased production
of three of its models



LOTUS has ceased production of the Elise after 25 years and 35,124 examples. The final example of Hethel's sports car, a Sport 240 Final Edition, has been kept by the manufacturer for its heritage collection. It's also stopped making its sister car, the Exige, and its larger sports car, the Evora, and will now be focusing on its new sports car, the Emira, and is also rumoured to be working on a new electric sports car.

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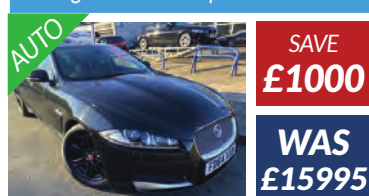
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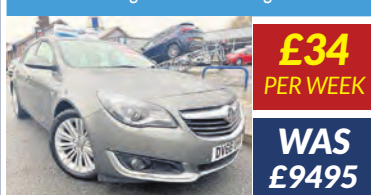
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